

**IN THE CLAIM**

Please amend claims 1, 5-6, 21 and 22, and cancel claims 2-4 without disclaiming their subject matter as follows.

1           1. (Currently Amended) A process for quantitating a human DNA in a sample, said  
2 process comprising the steps of:  
3           providing a sample to be analyzed;  
4           amplifying predetermined genomic DNA containing an *Alu* element by using primers,  
5 said *Alu* element being enriched in the human genome compared to non-human primates  
6 genomes, the amplification being intra-*Alu* polymerase chain reaction amplification; and  
7           quantitating the human DNA by comparing the amplified DNA with a reference.

1           2. (Canceled)

1           3. (Canceled)

1           4. (Canceled)

1           5. (Currently Amended) The process of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the amplification is a  
2 polymerase chain reaction with the primers containing the following sequences:

3           5' CGAGGCGGGTGGATCATGAGGT 3'(SEQ ID NO: 3)

4 and

5 5' TCTGTCGCCCAGGCCGGACT 3' (SEQ ID NO: 4).

1 6. (Currently Amended) The process of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the amplification is a  
2 polymerase chain reaction with the primers containing the following sequences:

3 5' GAGATCGAGACCCACGGTGAAA 3' (SEQ ID NO: 5)

4 and

5 5' TTTGAGACGGAGTCTCGTT 3' (SEQ ID NO: 6).

1 7. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the quantitation step comprises the step of  
2 detecting the human DNA on an agarose gel stained with ethidium bromide.

1 8. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the quantitation step comprises the step of  
2 detecting the human DNA by using a qPCR system.

1 9. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the quantitation step comprises the step of  
2 detecting the human DNA by using *TaqMan* chemistry.

1 10. (Canceled)

1 11. (Canceled)

1 12. (Canceled)

1 13. (Canceled)

1 14. (Canceled)

1 15. (Canceled)

1 16. (Canceled)

1 17. (Canceled)

1 18. (Canceled)

1 19. (Canceled)

1 20. (Canceled)

1 21. (Currently Amended) A process for quantitating a human DNA in a sample, said  
2 process comprising the steps of:

3 providing a sample to be analyzed;  
4 amplifying predetermined genomic DNA containing an *Alu* element by using primers,  
5 said *Alu* element being present only in the human genome, the amplification being intra-*Alu*  
6 polymerase chain reaction amplification; and  
7 quantitating the human DNA by comparing the amplified DNA with a reference.

1 22. (Currently Amended) A process for quantitating a human DNA in a sample, said  
2 process comprising the steps of:

3 providing a sample to be analyzed;  
4 amplifying predetermined genomic DNA containing a young *Alu* element by using  
5 primers, said young *Alu* element being largely absent from non-human primates, the  
6 amplification being intra-*Alu* polymerase chain reaction amplification; and  
7 quantitating the human DNA by comparing the amplified DNA with a reference.